## Answer.

(*a*) Representations have been received regarding the distress, among the inhabitants of these areas on account of the depression in the coir industry.

(*b*) A Taluk Committee was constituted, with the local Tahsildar as convener and treasurer under the auspices of the Chief Minister's Fund for Distress Relief. An amount of Rs. 7,000 was allotted for the Taluk for carrying on relief works like free supply of noon meals to needy school children and free supply of soaked husks to poor families, etc. Distribution of soaked husks to 240 families has already been made. Feeding of school children could not be taken up as the amount placed at the disposal of the Committee was insufficient.

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## Sales-tax.

573. [8] **Shri C. Sankar :** Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total amount of sales-tax realised from the sale of yarn for the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 respectively ; and

(*b*) the sales-tax realised from handloom cloth for the same years ?

## Answer.

(*a*) Total amount of sales-tax realised from the sale of yarn :-

| | | *Rs.* | *A.* | *P.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1950 | .. | 64,816 | 5 | 3 |
| 1951 | .. | 66,739 | 10 | 0 |
| 1952 | .. | 71,009 | 5 | 9 |

(*b*) Sales-tax realised from the sale of handloom cloth :-

| | | *Rs.* | *A.* | *P.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1950 | .. | 1,88,459 | 15 | 3 |
| 1951 | .. | 2,23,857 | 13 | 6 |
| 1952 | .. | 2,01,491 | 6 | 0 |

## Travancore-Cochin Chemicals Ltd.

574. [12] **Shri T. S. Ramaswami :** Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :